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a magnetically-actuated post which pivotally secures the coupler knuckle to the coupler head, the magnetically-actuated post being pivotally connected to and extending downwardly from the coupler head, the coupler knuckle being in constant contact with the cantilever spring to urge the coupler knuckle to a closed or coupled position, the cantilever spring having a first portion which curves away from the drawbar and a free end which curves back toward the coupler knuckle to apply a tangential force to the coupler knuckle, such that the magnetically-actuated coupler is assembled from three parts.

REMARKS

Claims 2-9 are currently pending in this reissue application, as amended. By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claim 1, amended claims 2-5 and added new claims 6-9.

The amendments to claims 2-5 are to change the dependency to new independent claim 6. New independent claim 6, paragraphs (a)-(f) are similar to cancelled claim 1, except in paragraph (c), the recitation regarding the coupler head containing a pair of stops has been removed. Paragraph (f) has also been changed to recite that the cantilever spring has a first portion which curves away from the coupler body and a first end which curves back toward the coupler knuckle to apply a tangential force to the coupler knuckle. This is supported by the original specification at column 3, lines 51-60 as well as in Figs. 2 and 7 of the drawings. New claim 7 recites that the cantilever spring is molded from engineering plastic. This is supported in the specification at column 3, lines 57-60. New claim 8 depends from claim 6 and recites that the cantilever spring and the leaf spring are molded from engineering plastic as a unitary piece with the draw bar. This is supported by Figs. 2 and 7 of the drawings and the specification at column 3, lines 17-20 and 57-60.

New independent claim 9 recites a draw bar which is pivotably mounted within a coupler pocket of a model railroad car, with the draw bar including a first end having a leaf spring formed as an integral part thereof which extends from the first end of the draw part, a coupler head formed on the second end of the draw bar, and a cantilever spring formed as an integral part of the draw bar extending from the draw bar adjacent to the coupler head. This is supported at column 3, lines 5-21 and lines 51-60 as well as in the drawing. Claim 9 further recites that a pivotable coupler knuckle is secured to the coupler head. This is supported by the original specification at column 4, lines 7-11 as well as in Figs. 3 and 4. Claim 9 further recites that a magnetically-actuated post pivotably secures the coupler knuckle to the coupler head, with the magnetically-actuated post being

pivotably connected to and extending downwardly from the coupler head. This is supported by the specification at column 3, line 61 - column 4, line 6 and the drawings.

Claim 9 further recites that the cantilever spring has a first portion which curves away from the draw bar and a free end which curves back toward the coupler knuckle to apply a tangential force to the coupler knuckle, such that the magnetically-actuated coupler is assembled from three parts. This is supported by column 3, lines 51-60; column 4, lines 43-50, as well as the drawings.

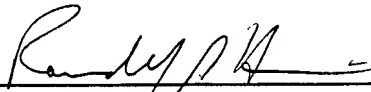
Prompt consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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